The Daily Courant.

Monday, October 8. 1705.

From on Board the Britannia, *before* Barcelona, September 9. O. S.

'THE 11th of Auguſt we came be-
'fore this Place, the 12th we
'landed our Soldiers 4 Miles
'Eaſtward of the Town without
'Oppoſition. They march'd within a Mile
'of the Town and there encamp'd; that Day
'they were joyn'd by 5 or 600 Spaniards,
'who continued now and then to come in
'by ſmall Parties, but we were diſappointed
'of the ſeveral Thouſands which the King
'expected to find in Arms for him. The
'Country People are intirely our Friends,
'and were continually thronging to pay their
'Duty to the Prince of Heſſe whom they
'perfectly ador'd. After the Artillery and
'heavy Baggage was landed, his Catholick
'Majeſty diſembark'd: He keeps aſhore in the
'Camp. When our land Generals conſider'd
'of Attacking the Town, findiug it very
'ſtrong and a numerous Garriſon in it, and
'well provided, they reſolv'd we could not
'with ſo few Men attempt it with Succeſs;
'ſo our Army lay before it till the beginning
'of September without Action, nor would
'his Catholick Majeſty conſent to have the
'Town bombarded and cannonaded by our
'Ships. Having no Ground to hope for Succeſs
'here, it was reſolv'd to leave this Place and
'go in Queſt of better Fortune to Terra-
'gona a City lying 30 Leagues Eaſtward of
'this Place. In order thereto our Cannon,
'Stores and Baggage were drawn off to be
'reimbark'd, and 'twas deſign'd the Army
'ſhould in 2 or 3 Days march to meet the
'Fleet at Terragona. In the mean Time our
'land Generals at the Inſtance of the Prince
'of Heſſe reſolv'd as our laſt Effort to attack a
'famous Caſtle call'd Montjouy at the Weſt
'End of the Town, and on the Second Inſtant
'at Night 1500 Men were detach'd command-
'ed by my Lord Charlemont, who march'd
'that Night round the Town and the next
'Morning by Break of Day the Prince of Heſſe
'and my Lord Charlemont began the Attack,
'and held it with utmoſt Bravery for 3
'Hours, meeting with obſtinate Reſiſtance
'and were twice repuls'd. At length the
'Enemy retir'd to the Donjon leaving the
'Out-works and Guns in our Poſſeſſion. We
'had ſeveral Men kill'd or wounded, and Co-
'lonel Allen with 200 Men were taken Priſo-
'ners; but worſt of all we here loſt the moſt
'noble and honourable Prince of Heſſe, who
'expoſing himſelf too much, being the firſt
'on the Enemy's Works, by a Muſquet-ſhot
'receiv'd a Mortal Wound in the Thigh and
'liv'd but 2 Hours after. The King, the
'Soldiers and Seamen, but more particularly
'the Spaniards, are all deeply concern'd
'for this Loſs; I never knew any Man's
'Death ſo generally lamented. His Body
'is Embalm'd and lies in a Convent which
'the Earl of Peterborough has hired for
'that purpoſe, till it can be buried in the
'great Church of Barcelona; he is dreſs'd
'with his Wig, Hat, and uſual Cloaths, with
'his Boots on, his Sword in one Hand and
'his Cane in t'other; a Prieſt is continu-
'ally about his Corpſe praying, and the
'Place is ever crowded with Spaniards
'who come to ſee him; and I am aſſur'd
'they have among them left with the
'Prieſt a Thouſand Pound Sterling to
'ſay Maſs for his Soul. The Sixth by
'means of a Bomb we blew up the Ma-
'gazine in the round Tower of the Fort,
'which kill'd ſeveral of the Enemy, and
'made a large Breach, and our Men be-
'ing ready to enter they ſurrender'd at
'Diſcretion, ſo the Caſtle is intirely ours,
'and ſtands very advantagiouſly to annoy
'the Town. The Miquelets are very ſer-
'viceable, and behave themſelves very brave-
'ly; Their Number is conſiderably en-
'creas'd ſince this Succeſs. Our Generals
'are now reſolv'd to continue the Attack
'on the Town, and doubt not to be Ma-
'ſters of it in a ſhort Time; and in or-
'der thereto are raiſing a Battery on the
'Fort of 52 Guns of 18 and 24 Poun-
'ders, to make a Breach in the Wall, and
'our Bomb Veſſels have thrown in theſe 3
'Nights paſt 412 Shells, which have put
'the Town into great Confuſion and done
'the Enemy much hurt. The great Bat-
'tery will be ready on Tueſday next,
'and Eight Engliſh and Dutch Ships are
'order'd to hall in and begin the Cano-
'nade at the ſame Time. I am, &c.

Another Letter dated from on Board the Royal Soveraign, September 9. has the following particulars.

'The Governour Don Franciſco de Velaſco, after
'Fort Montjouy was taken wrote a Letter to the
'Earl of Peterborough, telling him he had about
'300 of our Men Priſoners, and finding we had ſome
'of his Men, deſir'd a Chartel or Exchange of Pri-
'ſoners might be ſettled; and aſſuring his Lordſhip
'that as he heard we were merciful and kind to his
'People he would be ſo to ours, and hop'd if his
'Lordſhip took the Place he would ſhew him like
'Civility. We have thrown into the Town in 3
'Nights above 400 Shells, which have burnt one
'Street and the Town-Houſe.

From the Paris Letter of October 5.

Paris, October 5. The King has receiv'd Advice from Catalonia, that the Garriſon of Montjouy wanting

wanting all ſorts of Proviſions and Ammunition, took a Reſolution to abandon it and open themſelves a Paſſage with their Swords through the Enemy, that lay in the Intrenchments at the Foot of the Hill on which that Fort ſtands; they did ſo with the Loſs of 15 Men kill'd or wounded, and retir'd into Barcelona. In this Diſpute above 200 Men were kill'd or wounded. They write from Fontainbleau that the King receiv'd Letters laſt Night from the Viceroy of Catalonia, that confirm this Action, and add that the Enemy foreſeeing it would coſt them too much Time to take Barcelona by a Siege in Form, and that the Seaſon was drawing on for their Fleet to depart, had reſolv'd to Bombard the Place and ſet it on Fire with burning Bullets; but that by his Precaution and good Orders he hop'd to fruſtrate their Deſign.

From the Paris Gazette, dated October 10.

Madrid, Sept. 25. The laſt Letters from Barcelona, which are of the 14th of this Month, tell us, that to that Day the Enemy had made no Attempt, nor begun Attacks, contenting themſelves with lying intrench'd in their Camp, and forbearing even to ſend Parties out; the Cauſe of which is preſum'd to be the Deſertion of their Men, which to that time had been very great. But the Rebels of the Plain of Vich, not being oppos'd, becauſe the Troops that are marching from ſeveral Places are not arriv'd near them yet, overrun the Country quite to the Frontier of Arragon. Some of their Parties have appear'd near Monzon, on Advice of which the Arragonians have drawn together the Troops and Militia to oppoſe them, and ſecure their Frontier. Three Regiments that were in the upper Navarre, are marching towards Catalonia. The City of Tortoſa, the Biſhop, the Chapter, and the Eccleſiaſtical and Secular Communities and Corporations, have ſent the King Aſſurances of their Loyalty. Thoſe of Lerida have given like Aſſurances, and taken all neceſſary Meaſures to oppoſe the Rebels, who not being ſtrong enough to make any Attempt upon wall'd Towns, pillage the open Places. The Duke of Gandia has made himſelf Maſter of Denia, and caus'd the Suburbs of it to be burnt; the few Rebels that defended it retir'd into the Caſtle, but 'twas hop'd would ſoon be forc'd to ſurrender. The Horſe that came from Caſtile, continue their march towards Catalonia. Some Companies of Foot are gone towards the Frontier of Portugal where the Enemy make no Motion. There is a conſiderable Body of Troops in and about Badajox, and more arrive there daily from ſeveral Quarters.

Amſterdam, October 13. 'The Accounts tranſmitted from France, with allowance of that Government, of the Courſe of Affairs in Catalonia, are worth obſerving. The Printed Paris Gazette of October 3. related that the Allies had taken an Out-work of Fort Montjouy and that the Prince of Heſſe Darmſtad was kill'd. The Paris Letter or Gazette a la Main, of October 5. by giving a romantick Story of the abandoning of that Fort, ſhews they had receiv'd certain Advice of the loſs of it. And yet the Paris Gazette of October 10. takes no notice at all of it. By this Inſtance it appears, as it does frequently by others, to thoſe who mind the Courſe of publick News, that as the Enemy are very expeditious in tranſmitting ſuch News as they count advantagious to themſelves, ſo they are as backward in ſending and ſollicitous in diſguiſing the Advantages obtain'd by the Allies. This being conſider'd, we may reaſonably conclude from the 2 following Paragraphs, (the firſt taken from the Antwerp Courant of October 13. and the other from the Paris Letter of October 9.) that in general Affairs in Catalonia go very proſperouſly for the Allies, and in particular that the taking of the Fort of Montjouy has of Courſe been follow'd by that of the City of Barcelona, which is known to lye very much expos'd to the Fire of that Fort.

'*Paris*, October 9. We have no Letters from Catalonia, the Rebels having render'd the Roads unſafe (or unpaſſable) for Couriers.

'*Paris*, October 9. Reports are ſpread that Affairs go very ill in Catalonia, viz. that that Province has almoſt wholly revolted, and that the Rebels being Maſters of all the open Country threaten to beſiege Roſes. But *we having certain Advice*, that 1800 Spaniſh Horſe are arriv'd in that Province, and that they are more than ſufficient to reduce the *People* to Obedience, and ſecure the Catalonians that are loyal from the Invaſions of the Rebels and of the Enemy, we ſuſpend our Belief of theſe Reports.

From the Amſterdam Gezette, dated October 13.

Montpelier, Sept. 28. The Catalonians having ſecur'd the Paſſages to Rozes and Gironne, came to Figueres, in which were 50 Grenadiers of the Garriſon of Rozes, and 20 Horſe. The Rebels having Intelligence with the Inhabitants, the latter open'd their Gates, and deliver'd up to them the Soldiers and Gentlemen that were in it for its Defence. 'Tis ſaid they deſign to beſiege Gironne, and that in order to it they are to be join'd by ſome Troops detach'd from the Siege of Barcelona with Cannon. The Weakneſs of the Garriſon of Gironne, which conſiſts of but 300 Men, the Want of Proviſions and Ammunition, and the Diſaffection of the Inhabitants to the preſent Government, put us in great Apprehenſion for that Place.'

Hague, October 14. 'The Duke of Marlborough arriv'd here Yeſterday, and had a Conference with the great Penſionary; his Grace will not ſtay here above 3 or 4 Days: Our Envoy at the Court of England, has written hither that his Grace has poſitive Orders from the Queen his Miſtreſs to go to Vienna. And we promiſe our ſelves his Grace will concert ſolid Meaſures with the Emperor, not only for an Augmentation of Troops, but for a more vigorous Proſecution of the War againſt the common Enemy of Europe or rather of Mankind. Advice is come that the Enemy quitted Haguenau on the 6th Inſtant, and retired to Saverne. Letters from Madrid tell us, thoſe who have taken Arms for King Charles III. have poſſeſs'd themſelves of Lerida, and inveſted Fraga, another Place of importance on the Frontier of Arragon. 'Tis hotly diſcours'd here, that the States will break off Commerce with France for Six Months; being full of Reſentment at the Biſcayners (or indeed the French in their Name,) having lately ſiez'd ſeveral Merchant Ships of our Nation that trade to France by virtue of mutual Paſſports, even in ſight of the French Maritime Towns and Ports.

London, October 8.

On Saturday Sir Nathaniel Wright Lord Keeper, deliver'd up the Seal of his Office to Sir Charles Hedges.

For the Benefit of the Box-keepers and Door-keepers.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Tueſday the 9th of October, will be preſented a Comedy, call'd, An Evening's Love: or, The Mock Aſtrologer, with Singing by the Boy, and Dancing by Monſieur Cherrier and others.

AT the Theatre in Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields, this preſent Monday, being the 8th of October, will be preſented a Play, call'd, A Match in Newgate: or, The Vintner tricks: With ſeveral Entertainments of Singing and Dancing, as are expreſs'd in the Bills. And at the Requeſt of ſeveral Perſons of Quality, will be added that celebrated Italian Scene, perform'd by Mr. Sorin and Mr. Baxter.

Theſe Plays are Sold by R. Wellington at the Dolphin and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, where you may have moſt Novels.

Preces, Catechiſmus, et Hymni, in uſum Antiquæ & Celebris Scholæ Juxta D. Pauli Templum apud Londinates. Impenſis Jonathanis Robiuſon, ad inſigne Leonis Deaurati, in Cœmeterio D. Pauli.

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